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A Close Game

The base ball game played in this city last Wednesday afternoon by the National Boston Bloomer Girls and the home team was an excellent one. It drew a very large crowd and all portions of the county were well represented.

The game was won by the Medicine Lodge team by a margin of 1, the score at the close of the last half of the ninth inning being 8 to 7 in favor of the home team.

In the beginning the Bloomer Girls got a nice lead and when Medicine Lodge went to the bat in the last half of the last inning the score was 5 to 7 in favor of the Girls. Here is where the boys did magnificent "stick" work. A "three-bagger" by Goddard was the decisive turn; it scored Richardson and put Goddard in easy reach of home. Another run followed and the game was won.

There was some criticism of Umpire Gano for calling Goddard's hit a fair ball, but those who saw it or were in a position to see it, say that it was a fair ball beyond the least doubt and that the decision was correct.

The Bloomer Girls are fine players and they made it very interesting for our boys. We do not know how many of the girls were boys but competent judges say that at least four of the best players were real girls. It is certain anyway that all of them can play ball. They were accompanied by elderly ladies and were well behaved and lady like in every respect.

Guilford Davis and "Red" Goddard were Medicine Lodge's battery. They did well but had no particular "edge" over the Girls. The Bloomer pitcher is left handed and displayed an admirable science. She was strong in the box but was given to more tongue action than necessary. Still this is a peculiarity of the sex and she is not to be criticised for it.

The visitors departed with the admiration and respect of the big crowd that saw the game.

Kritzmire-Owen

Arthur D. Kitzmire of this city and Miss Margaret Owen were married in Wichita, Kansas, on Thursday, August 12, 1909.

The groom is a son of C. W. Kitzmire and wife who reside two and one-half miles east of this city. He is a barber by trade and has a chair in Simpson's barber shop in this city. "Art" is a rustler, a whole souled good fellow and has many friends among the young people who are pleased to extend him the glad hand and wish him unlimited good fortune.

The bride is a daughter of E. Owen and wife who reside a short distance west of the city. In recent years she has spent most of her time in St. Joseph, Missouri, where the family lived prior to coming here, but she has visited here at intervals during the past two years and has cultivated the acquaintance of many of our people who esteem her as a pleasant, accomplished young lady and are proud to claim her friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitzmire arrived home on Saturday. They have not yet secured a house but expect to begin housekeeping soon.

Their friends congratulate them and hope that their married life will always be happy and prosperous.

Ulysses Spriggs of Nashville, Kansas and Miss May Scranton of Chicago, Illinois, were granted marriage license by Probate Judge Garrison last Friday, August 13th. They were married on Sunday.

Mr. Spriggs is one of Valley townships most progressive farmers. He has lived in the county about twelve years and has an enviable reputation as a man and citizen.

His bride is not known here but she is to be complimented on securing such a worthy husband.

Notice to Masons

There will be a special communication, at the Masonic Hall on Saturday night of this week, August 21st. Work in the First and Second degrees. We desire a large attendance.

Joseph Myers,
Secy.

Seed Wheat

Fine Harkoff seed wheat for sale. Perfectly pure. \$1.25 per bushel. Mary Best, Medicine Lodge, Ks.

As to Newspaper Valuations

The esteemed Kiowa Journal vainly endeavors to score a point by publishing "newspaper valuations" and commenting thereon. The figures which the Journal publishes are very misleading and manifestly incorrect. While the "comment" deals lightly with the Index publishers the table itself tells a falsehood. The Journal tells its readers, in effect, that the Index publishers have listed no "other property," which is untrue. One of the Index publishers alone has listed more under "other personal property" than any other publisher in the county, and both of the publishers combined have returned considerably more. Of course, in a comparison of this kind an "other property" column is out of place; it is not germane to the subject, but since the Journal has seen fit to include it, it is very wrong to make it appear that the publishers of this paper have refused to return their personal property not connected with the newspaper equipment.

Referring to valuations returned on newspaper plants, the Index has no compunctions of conscience. We think we have made a fair statement of values to be estimated on machinery in use. It is not the intention of the law to return machinery at cost. The element that enters into the valuation is the probable selling price. The Journal seemingly has placed an inflated value of tribute actual value on its plant for advertising purposes. We have no objection to that, but the Index does not do business that way. The publishers have other taxes to pay. It might be interesting to the Journal man to know that one of the publishers of this paper pays taxes on a real estate valuation approximating up to the valuations of all the newspapers in the county. This valuation is too high—the property would not sell for the amount—and we mention this merely to prove that we are not tax dodgers as the Journal intimates.

The Index's equipment is worth a little more than it was when listed, for it has added more machinery, but for all that we do not propose to list it for taxation at what the machinery cost when it was new.

Our opinion is that after the Journal pays 2 percent taxes a few years it will quit valuing junk at what new machinery costs. Of course, as long as federal jobs last, perhaps it can afford it.

FOR SALE

	COST	SALE
Side-board.....	\$35	\$14.00
Table.....	12	6.00
Chairs.....	4	1.00
Kitchen Cabinet.....	15	8.00
Kitchen Range.....	30	10.00
Large Heater.....	24	8.00
Large Book Case.....	?	12.00
Solid Cherry Mantel		
Mirror.....	105	25.00
Hall Rack with Mirror.....	18	8.00
Iron bed wire springs and cotton mattress		5.00
Dresser and wash-stand		7.50
Washer, wringer and other things. Gentlest horse, harness, single wheat drill, wagon, piano nearly new, cheaper than lowest factory price by \$125.		

Pure Rhode Island red chickens.
MARY E. HOSS,
Walnut St., near Green House.

Building a Natatorium

O. P. T. Ewell is certainly making a move in the right direction. In line with his other building operations, he is constructing a large natatorium on the lots back of VanGundy's blacksmith shop. The pool will be 130x30 feet, the depth varying from three to seven feet, and will be cemented all around. Dressing houses will be installed, seats for spectators, and everything put in first-class order. A natatorium is something needed here badly, as there is no real swimming to be had anywhere around, and Mr. Ewell is not only providing a sure investment for himself but is in reality performing a service for Kiowa.—Kiowa Journal.

New remnants every day—at Cole's.

Mrs. Dorothy Cones returned to her home in Enid, Oklahoma last Wednesday after visiting two weeks with her sister, Mrs. H. A. Tedrow, of Mingona.

An Undeserved Rebuke

In its account of the base ball game played in this city last Wednesday, the Medicine Lodge Cresset does the home boys and Umpire J. C. Gano, a great injustice. The broad statement is made that the game was stolen from the Bloomer Girls; that the decisions of the umpire throughout the game were in every instance against the visiting team and in favor of the home team, and it is intimated that the umpire and the members of the Medicine Lodge team had an understanding that they would take the game whether they won it or not. This is a very serious charge and if it can be substantiated it should not only bar the team from playing ball in the future but it forfeits them the confidence of everybody who believes in honesty, for if they are guilty of such outrageous conduct in a base ball game they would be equally crooked in business.

To the end, therefore, that absolute justice be done in this matter, the Index has taken the precaution to acquaint itself with public sentiment in the premises before committing itself. It finds that an overwhelming majority of the people who saw the game, are of the opinion that Umpire Gano made some mistakes but these mistakes, if unequal at all, affected the home team more than the visiting team. It finds, also, that the hit by Goddard which was the decisive point in the game, was a fair ball as declared by the umpire, and not a foul as claimed by his critics. We have consulted several men of unbiased judgment who were spectators very close to the territory into which the ball was delivered and they all agree that the ball fell several feet "fair."

One of the publishers of The Index witnessed this game throughout. It is his judgment that the home team was no more favored by the decisions of the umpire than the visitors but we do not rely on his judgment alone upon which to base this article. We have interviewed very many of the people who saw the game and we have given an honest expression of popular sentiment in this article.

It is regrettable that the Cresset should have permitted itself to become so indiscreet and biased in this matter. Our boys have played in a number of different towns this season and they invariably received the highest compliments from the papers in the towns which they visited, but now at nearly the close of the season, it remained for the home paper—one that was favored with season tickets to the games played here—to discover that they are "crooked" and unworthy of confidence.

It is difficult for an umpire to please everybody and the best of them make mistakes, but the singular thing about the criticisms heaped on Mr. Gano is that we have rarely found two men who agree on the particular mistakes made in his decisions. It is simple justice to say that Mr. Gano umpired this game with reluctance. It happened that the men who usually umpire, were not in town and he seemed to be the only one present who was familiar with this year's rules. His selection was also unqualifiedly satisfactory to the manager of the Bloomer Girls and we are assured by people who heard the visitors express themselves after the game was played, that they are well pleased with their reception here and the umpire's decisions.

For some time there has been a little friction between some of the base ball boys and their manager and the Cresset boys, and this has grown from time to time until it found its way into the Cresset's columns. It is not necessary to go into these personalities in detail but it is well that the public should understand that the denunciatory article was inspired as a result of former misunderstandings.

We think the Cresset owes the base ball boys an apology.

Sheriff Mathews returned home from Moultrie, Illinois, with Ed Harding on Monday. Ed gave bond in the sum of \$500, for his appearance for trial in the October term of court. His father, W. H. Harding, A. C. Lauby and F. B. Chapin are his sureties. As matters now stand he is charged merely with simple assault and if nothing more serious follows, it would seem that he was very foolish to try to escape the officers.

Attention, Knights of Pythias

The next regular meeting of Delphia Lodge, K. of P., will be held Monday night of next week, the 23rd. A great amount of business has accumulated during the summer months, much of which is very important, consequently every member should attend. Don't forget it.

Your dollars go farthest at Cole's.

Let the Badger at Gerlane figure your lumber bill. Right stuff at the right price.

For Sale: New five-room house on N. Main street. Call on or address, E. L. Taber, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

For Sale—Richardson's Messages and Papers of the Presidents in 10 Vols. Indispensable to lawyers and other public men. May E. Hoss.

W. S. Gant has begun building a nice cottage on his lots on north Walnut. W. E. Johnson has the contract.

During her recent visit in Texas Mrs. C. G. Taliaferro met up with J. M. DeLisle and wife. They now reside in Higgins where Mr. DeLisle is doing a nice real estate business and Mrs. DeLisle is principal of the city schools. Both are in excellent health and looking well.

Dr. J. Harry Gay, the eye specialist, will be in Kiowa, September 10th and 11th, and at Medicine Lodge, Monday and Tuesday, September 13th and 14th, at Lake City, September 15th, and at Sharon September 16th. Bring your eyes.

Mrs. Ida Galland was called to Lawton, Ok., last Thursday to attend a niece who is very sick with typhoid fever. Her mother, Mrs. Morlan, was visiting in Lawton when her grand-daughter was taken sick and is also assisting in caring for her.

Mrs. Louise Goslin and grandson, Bruce Siple, departed for their home on Monday. Mrs. Goslin is a cousin of D. F. Painter's. She and her grandson came up from Enid last week to attend Mrs. Horney's funeral and they remained a week to visit among relatives.

On August 15th, 1909, a class was organized at the Christian church for a study of the Bible. They will use the work of Herbert Moninger on "Training for Service" and it will be a great help in the study. A cordial invitation is extended to all, both young and old, to meet with us in this study. Class meets promptly at 4 p. m. each Lord's Day.

The weather these days is decidedly heated. The thermometer registers from 105 to 110 and there are no immediate indications of moderation. The corn crop will be good in spots and in other spots there will be none, according to whether or not the fields were in the belts of the local rains. Altogether this is a very severe summer, comparing somewhat to the drouthy year of 1894.

O. S. Price of Sharon recently received a check for \$20 from the Woodmen Accident Association a few days ago on account of a small injury received May 17th. Mr. Price is a plasterer by trade and while slacking lime injured an eye severely although by giving it careful attention the sight was restored and the eye is entirely healed again. Mr. Price was unable to work for several weeks. The prompt settlement of the claim by the W. A. A. is commendable.

The Annual Bulletin of The Barber County High School is out. It is very comprehensive this year—more so than any Bulletin issued in the history of the school. Every student eligible to enter high school and every person interested in school work should procure a copy and examine it carefully. The school of this city offers more and better advantages for the ensuing term of 1909-10 than any high school within a radius of fifty miles and a course here is worth more than that offered by a great majority of so-called high schools and most of the preparatory colleges. It will cost your son or daughter no more to attend this school than it does to attend inferior ones.

Cole Merc. Co. have the stock and are making the prices.

Special Teachers' Examination

To be held in the Court House at Medicine Lodge, August 20-21 beginning at 7 a. m. There will be a Special Teachers' Examination held in the Court House at Medicine Lodge August 20-21. This Examination will be held in accordance with Chapt. 2 Sec. 64 School Laws of 1905, and will be conducted in all respects as other Teacher's Examinations.

Any one wishing to take for grades toward a professional may take this examination.
J. E. Thomas,
Co. Supt.

Mrs. M. A. Collins returned last Thursday from her visit in Oklahoma.

Come to the Badger at Gerlane for lumber and all kinds of building material.

Hon. C. I. Long has returned from Atchison, Topeka and Kansas City, where he has been in conference with his co-counsel in the bank guaranty test case. This case has assumed national significance and is being watched very closely by jurists and politicians.

A card from our friend Jas. McGuire says that he and Mrs. McGuire are enjoying themselves to the limit at the Seattle exposition. He says the climate is delightful and they are having a great time. His card makes us wish we could leave for the northwestern city on the next train.

We do not know who's the meanest man in Barber county but we can come very near naming the best one. If we were allowed to pick the best one this week, we would have to select Andy Ott of Eagle. He brought us a fine big melon on Monday and it was the first we tasted this season. Watermelons are a scarce article and one of this size is a rare thing. Mr. Ott says he has a good patch but the coyotes are eating them almost as rapidly as they ripen. This was new information to us. We have lived here twenty four years and it was the first time we learned that coyotes eat melons. We are now more than ever in favor of exterminating the pests. There is nothing quite so good as a nice juicy melon these hot days.

Prof. A. M. Pickett, phrenologist and hypnotist, opened a four-days engagement at the opera house in this city Monday. His lectures and entertainments are most interesting and beneficial to those who go to get the best out of them. Phrenology, mind-reading, hypnotism and kindred subjects are highly elevating when used properly and Prof. Pickett seems to be the person who directs them in the proper channel. Monday night was devoted to lectures on phrenology, two character readings and one example in hypnotism. The entertainment was very interesting and at times fun-provoking. We print too early to comment on last night's work. This is Prof. Pickett's second visit to our city. His first visit was about fifteen years ago. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word and is highly informed on his subjects.

Money to loan on real estate. Inquire of Samuel Griffin.

Misses Gladys and Florence MacGregor returned home from their visit with their sister, Mrs. Fash, at Capron, Ok., last Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will have charge of the Adams Furniture Co's store, next Saturday, the opening day of their special sale. Ice Cream served there all day.

F. O. Brown last week bought the Warnstaff grocery stock at this place and the general merchandise stock of J. I. Hilton & Co. at Hartford. Mr. Brown will move the latter stock to this place and unite it with the grocery stock. He will likely be ready for business sometime next week. We haven't learned what Mr. Warnstaff expects to do.—Attica Independent.

O. Mills of Lake City, Wm. Ward of Sun City and Robt. Burgin of Turkey Creek, the school land appraisers appointed by the county commissioners recently, filed their reports with the county superintendent Saturday. They put in all last week and appraised sixteen different tracts, covering a large territory. The appraised values vary from \$1.25 per acre to \$5.00 per acre, depending on the location of the land and its conditions.

Mrs. W. B. Springer and daughter, Miss Fannie, left on Monday to buy their fall and winter millinery goods.

Miss Ella Guthrie and mother returned Saturday morning from their visit at Pocatsett and other cities in Oklahoma.

V. S. Cook and wife drove up to Stafford in their White Steamer the latter part of the week to visit with relatives a few days.

Lake and Sun City and vicinities were nicely represented at the ball game last Wednesday. The Bloomer Girl as an attraction is hard to beat.

Misses Frances Fritzen and Mildred Mason went to the Lodge Sunday afternoon with the Case family, and returned home Tuesday evening.—Kiowa Journal.

Geo. L. Fritz of Aetna was in the city last Wednesday preparing to make final proof on a quarter section of school land on which he made settlement about six months ago.

Misses Allie and Minnie Murphy went to Capron, Ok., last Wednesday to visit with their sister, Mrs. Albert Nelson, who is recovering from a long sickness of typhoid fever.

O. H. Ferguson, who now lives at Olathe, has been visiting the past several weeks with old neighbors and friends in Elm Mills. He left via Wadale, Pratt county, yesterday.

T. A. Watkins will start a city delivery and express wagon in this city September 1st. He was in from his Valley township farm looking for a house preparatory to moving to town, Saturday.

We desire again to remind correspondents that we rarely have time to handle matter received as late as Tuesday at 10 o'clock. We were compelled to let two go over last week on account of late arrival.

Mrs. August Schmidt is undergoing an attack of typhoid fever. Dr. Gilbert is attending her and his latest report is that the case is quite severe but she is doing as well as possible under the circumstances.

Col. Bill Horn of Lake City was in town Friday and Saturday. He had been taking in the Cattlemen's picnic at Kingman and returned by way of this city. Bill says the crowd at Kingman were too large for comfort.

Mrs. Wilson Holmes, of Elwood, whose serious condition was noted last week, is much better this week and Dr. Gilbert thinks it will not be necessary to take her away for an operation. She is being cared for at Mary E. Gibson's home.

Burnie and Ethel Shklar, son and daughter of A. Shklar and wife, of Kiowa visit Saturday Sunday and Monday with L. D. Elliott and wife six miles northwest of this city. They returned home Monday evening. They enjoyed their short visit very much.

Miss Elsie Schwatken left on Saturday to visit about a week with relatives at Hammond, Kansas. Miss Schwatken is one of Barber's efficient school teachers. She is also preparing to prove up a quarter section of school land six miles northwest of this city.

J. W. Storm and wife arrived from California on Monday morning to look after their Barber county interests. They have been away from Barber county over two years and have seen a great deal of the country during that time and both seem to be in excellent health.

Sheriff Hugh Martin left yesterday for Harper, Ks., and brought back Ed Grandstaff, who was arrested here several weeks ago, charged with boot-legging whiskey. He was let out of the city jail at that time by parties on the outside. He is now in the county jail awaiting trial.—Alva Pioneer.

Rev. M. B. Ingle last Friday was called away from his meetings at Queen City, Mo., to attend the funeral of his step-father, John A. Brown, at Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Brown was here a few years ago and made many friends in Harper, all of whom will hear of his death with regret.—Harper Sentinel.

Dr. Gilbert took Mrs. H. K. Hooker to St. Francis hospital Saturday to be operated on for gall stones. He returned Sunday and went back yesterday. The operation was performed yesterday afternoon but we had no report as to the result. Mrs. Hooker's condition is very bad and there is cause for alarm.

Rev. W. A. Cain of Wichita will preach at the Baptist church in this city on Sunday, August 29th. Rev. and Mrs. Cain are expected in the city on a visit the latter part of this week or next week to visit about ten days with old friends and Rev. Cain has kindly consented to preach a few sermons while on this visit.